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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. CYRUS R. TEED (KORESH).

Higher Criticism and Its Foundation a Farce.

WE QUOTE from a text-book on "General Astronomy," by Charles A. Young, Ph. D., LL. D., Professor of astronomy in the college of New Jersey (Princeton). Professor Young says:

It is a remarkable fact, first demonstrated by Lane of Washington, in 1870, that a gaseous sphere, losing heat by radiation and contracting under its own gravity, *must rise in temperature and actually grow hotter*, until it ceases to be a 'perfect gas' either by beginning to liquify, or by reaching a density at which the laws of perfect gases no longer hold. The kinetic energy developed by the shrinkage of a gaseous mass, is more than sufficient to replace the loss of heat which caused the shrinkage.

We will try to state this a little more clearly. Gas shrinks by cooling; cold makes it shrink. Now the remarkable discovery made by "Lane of Washington" is, that the colder gas becomes by losing its heat, the hotter it is. The only difference between the two statements is, that Professor Lane's is the more rhetorical, while ours is the more simple. We have not yet been able to discover the law by which a substance grows hotter by cooling off, but we will give the key to the solution of the problem in another quotation of Professor Young's.

If this shrinkage theory of the solar heat is correct (and there is every reason to accept it), it follows that in time the sun's heat must come to an end, and, looking backwards, we see that there must have been a beginning.

We see in the above statement that which is not quite relative to our subject, but nevertheless worthy of notice in this place—that Professor Young ascribes a property to time that does not have a correspondence in space according to the prevailing theory; namely,

that of limitation. This is a little peculiar if not singular. The little *if* which the learned professor interjects in his reference to the shrinkage, furnishes the unknown quantity for the basis of a profound scientific conclusion. He further states:

But of course this conclusion as to the possible past duration of the solar system, rests upon the *assumption* that the sun has derived its heat *solely in this way*; and moreover, that it radiates heat equally in all directions in space,—assumptions which possibly further investigations may not confirm.

Note the fact that Professor Young says that all this stuff about contraction by the loss of heat, in which the mass grows hot by the radiation and loss of heat, must depend upon "assumptions which possibly further investigations may not confirm." The fact is, every so called scientific man who pretends to believe in the Copernican system of astronomy, knows that he has no foundation whatever regarding the source of the solar heat. A man of some notoriety in Chicago, puts forth a theory that the energies of the sun are electro-magnetic in their origin,—a theory partially but not wholly correct.

The remote cause of solar, lunar, planetary, and stellar motion is mental energy, not operative outside of human existence and the human brain, but consciously proceeding from the higher intellect and will of those perfected men who, in various ages of the world, have passed from the outer and natural sphere of existence without the death of the body. Of this class we have many recorded instances,—Enoch, Elijah, and Jesus being prominent examples. The proximate cause of the sun's heat is the constant influx into its vortex,

of the electro-magnetic energies generated in the metallic and mineral laminae or plates of cosmic environment. To comprehend this, the mind must first eliminate the fallacies originating in the vagaries of the Copernican system of astronomy.

The greatest obstacle in the way of correct and stable conclusion in science, is the profound ignorance regarding the substantiality of energy. The combustion operative in the sun, corresponds to that constantly taking place in the lungs and also in the brain cells of animal life. The heat of the lungs proceeds from the union in the lungs of the carbon and other elements carried there through the pulmonic artery, and of the oxygen and nitrogen entering the lungs through respiration. The sun, like the heart and lungs, is the constant recipient not only of energies which are substantial and which rematerialize in the sun, but the solar atmosphere immediately surrounding the sun flows into the sun's vortex and passes through the general metamorphosis of the solar elements. The sun radiates nothing for which it does not receive an equivalent. Its supply and demand are reciprocally and equally adjusted, and there will never come a time when it will not receive and give the material and energetical substances of its lasting perpetuity.

So called science, founded upon and grounded in assumption, is not science, for science is knowledge; assumption is *not* knowledge, and it is about time that guesswork should cease and something positive in the form of cult be substituted.

The modern "higher criticism" has nothing but assumption for its ground of argument, because its hypothesis is predicated upon "assumptions which possibly further investigations may not confirm." It is a fact that either gaseous, liquid, or solid substances will generate by condensation. It must be remembered, however, that no substance can be caused to condense except by the application of extraneous energy. Gas can be liquified by pressure, but the pressure is proportionate to the combustion of material substance of some kind, for which the energy is obtained to produce the pressure.

The primary obstacle in the way of accounting for the origin of the solar energy, is the ignorance of the so called scientific mind regarding one of the most simple facts,—that energy is nothing else than the product of atomic destruction, and that the atom is the result of the destruction of energy. The energies flowing into the sun are the resource of the solar force. The entire solar system, with the sun at its center, is revolving in an orbit around the sun, the radius of which is the distance of the sun from the central star of the group Pleiades, in the constellation Taurus, according to another *assumption* of the advocates of the Copernican system of astronomy. This distance is incalculable.

Now is there any one, consummate idiot enough to believe that the solar system, which includes the sun, moon, planets, the earth, asteroids, and atmospheres cannot only revolve upon an axis, the sun being that axis, but that this entire mass is rushing through space in an orbit around another monstrous sun, the axillary and orbital momentum maintained by a condensation supporting heat through the process of cooling, contrary to any known law?

Professor Young must be a small sized jackass to believe what some other professor puts forth as an absurdity, and which the other professor does not himself pretend to prove, but frankly states is an assumption: Why do not these wise (?) professors give us some idea of the source of the momentum that carries the worlds in their orbits around the sun and revolves them upon their axes, and which carries the thousands of solar systems around the greater sun—the star alcyone, if the Copernican system be true? The fact is, the Copernican system of astronomy is the most preposterous batch of nonsense ever foisted upon a credulous world, and it will go with the whole job lot of modern theology, equally absurd, and with the "higher criticism," which is more nonsensical than either. We have yet to see the first positive and established truth for a belief in the Copernican hypothesis, the doctrines of modern chemistry, and the other so called sciences which comprise the basis of the theological choleraic dejection called the "higher criticism."

Booth-Tucker's Colonization Scheme Exposed.

BOOTH-TUCKER, while saving souls, proposes to give the devil a mortgage on the bodies of his followers. We do not pretend to know anything of the great evangelist's plans so far as the details are concerned, but the daily press informs us that his scheme is "like a ray of sunshine in a dark alley, and that "poor folks eagerly await the culmination of Booth-Tucker's scheme," which gives to members of the colony a "five-acre farm and a home." We are further informed that the "Salvation Army leader now plans a chain of colonies across the continent," which will make a "poor man's paradise," where, "with help and hope, he can

step from the abyss of poverty to a prosperous state." All this looks as well on paper as the Klondyke boom-crang of the daily press.

We venture to say that THE FLAMING SWORD is the only paper capable of sounding the key-note-warning against the proposed evil of Booth-Tucker. The Salvation Army General offers to borrow \$100,000 at five per cent interest, so the Chicago Journal says, payable in ten years. Thirty thousand dollars have already been subscribed. The colonist purchases his house and a five or ten acre lot, covered with a mortgage. Not only is he expected to supply his own stomach and

that of his family (if he has one), but more than this—he must feed the eternally hungry and insatiable maw of the conscienceless money-lender.

Bonds and mortgages do not end in Paradise—this is not the highway to holiness. If it is the paradise of the blood-sucking money-broker that the Salvation Army is after, Booth-Tucker is evidently on the right road. His is merely another of the great corporate schemes of a Christian paganism. The scheme has a single virtue, providing it can be made to operate—that is, to thin somewhat the population of the cities and increase the population of the rural districts. There is not a question but that our country should be covered with a sparsely scattered population under the economic direction of the state, in whose possession should obtain the wealth and industry of the nation, when great railroad octopi and other corporate obstructions

stand not in the way of social, intellectual, and commercial development, perfection, and happiness.

Some will say that this scheme of the Salvation Army "is one more step toward the final goal of human desire." The withdrawal of the straw from the Israelite brick-makers and the increase of their burdens, were simply steps toward their final deliverance. Why? Because it gave the last and final impulse toward the repudiation of their bondage.

God will avenge the slavery of his people and liquidate human obligation to the bondmaster. We utter this word by authority; we know whereof we speak. The bonded obligation of slave to bondmaster and tyrant will be repudiated by divine authority and command. The watered stock in gold will be destroyed, and the lender on interest and the borrower will both be swept away.

The Three Phases of the Antichrist.

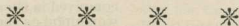
EVERY knee shall bow to Jesus the Messiah, and every tongue confess that the Lord Christ is the Son of God. Every spirit that denies that the Christ, the Son of God, the bright and Morning Star, the root and the offspring of David, is come in the flesh, is Antichrist. Every spirit denying that the Lord Jesus, the Christ of God, is the veritable God and fulness of the Godhead bodily, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, does deny that the Messiah has come in the flesh, and is therefore Antichrist. "Christian Science" so called, modern Spiritism as a whole, and Theosophy all deny that the Lord Jesus is the Saviour of the world, therefore they are Antichrist.

Modern Spiritism, "Christian Science," and Theosophy (so called) are the three unclean spirits, like frogs, that are spoken of in Revelation. If these three are true and are of God, then somewhere out of the depths of the mysteries they profess to hold, there should come a revelation of the true contour of the earth's surface; but they all with one accord hold to the Copernican system of astronomy as the scientific exposition of cosmogonical form and function. Koreshanism has given

to the world the true law of form and function, in the presentment of the Cellular Cosmogony, a fact mechanically demonstrated, and to which we challenge all the so called scientists of the world to present a reasonable refutation.

We do not question the wisdom and power of the Egyptian magicians as exhibited in the presence of Moses and Pharaoh; their operations were prime counterfeits of the divine power as exhibited through the chosen great organizer of Israel. The powers of Jannes and Jambres who contended with Moses for the mastery, have come down to the present age, and with the so called secret doctrine of occultism, sinuously pervade the domain of the divine wisdom, of which it is a deceptive counterfeit.

The wisdom of God is perpetually an open secret. God's truth—the divine serpent—is more naked (revealed) than any other of the animal, proclivities, and all that ever stands in the way of its mental comprehension is the darkness of the human mind. The light of truth is ever as open as the light of day. It is not occult, it is not the secret doctrine;—it is an open revelation.



THE performance of use to the neighbor is the exercise of man's powers as impelled by the force of love, not exclusively to the neighbor in forgetfulness of self, but as in the interest of the whole body politic, in the assurance that if the entire body is in a state of integrity, every member of the body—including self—will be in the normal state, and therefore in a state of happiness. This principle is the antithesis of that usually actuating men.



Modern Christianity dare not take the premise of the true Christian system and follow its logical sequela

to a positive deduction. Its own profligate life and violation of the law of love to God and the neighbor have rendered it cowardly, and professing Christians dare not go boldly to the throne of grace and appeal for a right to the inheritance—the throne of God and God's dominion.



There is no act of life nor power of attainment inherent in the Lord Jesus, that he did not promise to him who should overcome.



The process of building the temple of organic life should hasten forward—there is no time to be lost.

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Koreshanity Champions Womankind.

BY REV. BERTHA S. BOOMER.

TO no class of reformers who seek the establishment of genuine righteousness, should the Koreshan System commend itself with more absolute demand for endorsement and loyal adherence, than the advocates of woman's rights. The Koreshan System is far in advance of all other systems in its location of woman's rightful, eminent position, and in its recognition of all her powers and possibilities, and their relation to the establishment of a kingdom of divine righteousness in earth.

Could popular prejudice be once broken down by the advancing hosts of progressive womankind, they would find themselves in a position to have their eyes opened to a future here in the earth, beyond the present powers of language to describe adequately. The Koreshan System outlines entirely new organizations for every sphere of thought and life, in accordance with laws and principles obtained through an absolute science of the form and functions of the physical universe, and the form and functions of perfected man—the biune being.

The male principle, while vitalizing or impregnative, is also segregative and destructive in its proceedings; the feminine principle is constructive and aggregative for assimilation and perpetuation of form and function. Femininity, when vitalized by divine love, becomes divinely wise to build anew the kingdom of heaven in earth, and will clothe herself with form, revealing all that is divine in the perfected union of true manhood and womanhood.

Man is the destined executive of the divine will expressed through the wisdom of God in the perfected woman. Koreshanity is the clear light of divine science concerning woman's God-begotten rights, and is most explicit in its statements of the laws of their attainment in this present crisis of her development. It is absolutely certain that woman never will nor can attain her rightful inheritance in the universe, save by the knowledge of, and obedience to the laws of her supreme being.

Woman's primary right and pre-eminent duty is to guard as sacred the sex functions of her own body. Any legalized or illegal profanation of these functions to satisfy the lusts of the flesh, means the perpetuity and increase of the mental, moral, and physical degradation of the race, of which the womanhood of each generation is the responsible, universal mother. Too long, under the cloak of a corrupt Christianity, has every form of lustful degeneracy found justification.

The Pauline injunction, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands," has been made to serve, within and without the pale of the church, as the devil's goad to keep all womankind under the curse pronounced

as a sequence of the fall. Weak women and cowardly men have sunk together in the mire of sin's broad road to death and destruction. The equally important command, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church," has been an unknown quantity in the marriage curriculum of church and state. The love of Christ for his Bride, the church, was to the end that she might be washed with clean water,—the science of truth, and presented spotless and blameless as the Mother of the Gods, on the throne of God.

Take your stand any day in the whirlpools of a great city's marts of trade, and seek, in the throngs of human faces, the evidence of man's divine origin. You will be forced to reiterate the words of the Lord Jesus: "Ye are from beneath." Ye are children of your father the devil. Like David, they give every indication of having been conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity.

The day of knowledge is at hand. The foundation of all elaborated sciences—the science of the laws of life and immortality, is being given to humanity in the order of ripeness to receive it. This science leaves no uncertainty in the mind of man or woman, as to woman's legitimate relationship to man in the divine order of the restitution. It leaves no doubt as to her true function in all the conserving and constructive uses of creation. It leaves no doubt as to the absolute necessity of recognizing woman in this age of the world, as a most essential factor in the establishment of that organic unity which shall give birth to the Grand Man, created in the image and likeness of Deity.

Women who desire to become Saviors of their race, to reveal the Divinity of motherhood, and to be primary factors in all that pertains to the attainment of perfect civil and religious government, to establish new industrial and commercial relationships that shall be completely destructive of the existing, hell-begotten money power, must become students of the Koreshan System. The time has come for leading women all along the line, to call a halt on the worship of graven images, which are—in the primates of truth—children conceived in sin and shapen in iniquity. Cherubic and worshipful as these seem to be, they nevertheless are the fruit of a corrupt tree, and are all doomed to corruptible dissolution under the curse of the law,—a statement attested for ages by self-evident facts. There is, however, on record in nature and Scriptural revelation, a promise, and there exists a present possibility of its fulfillment—that this mortal shall put on immortality, and this corruptible inherit incorruption, and that death shall be swallowed up in the victory of life. The knowledge of the laws of such attainment should surely be more desired than much of the fine gold that perisheth. This knowledge is now obtainable, and we urge women everywhere, who are conscious of any degree of hungering and thirsting for righteousness, to take up the critical study of Koreshanity and see if they are not compelled to say, lo, here is Wisdom! here is Understanding!

Primary and Ultimate Fulfilments of Prophecy.

Comments on the 13th Chapter of Mark.

BY REV. E. M. CASTLE.

IT has been said, and truly, "The Scriptures have many fulfillings." The thirteenth chapter of Mark is not peculiar in this respect. When Jerusalem was captured by the Romans, about 70 A. D., the predictions of this chapter were partially realized, and in a natural sense. Vespasian, recalled to Rome by disturbances there, left the conquest of the city to his son Titus. It is recorded that after the circumvallation of the city by the Roman forces, for some reason never understood by historians they were withdrawn for three days, during which time all the Christians escaped from the city and took refuge in a mountain town near by—those in Judea escaped to the mountains. After a siege of untold horror, the temple and city were destroyed. Josephus says: "Cæsar ordered the soldiers to dig up the whole city and temple: but to leave three high turrets standing and a part of the wall, as security to the garrison. But they so entirely dug up and leveled all the rest of the city, that none who saw it would think it had ever been inhabited." Thus was fulfilled in a natural sense the words of Jesus recorded in the second verse of Mark xiii, "Seest thou these great buildings? etc." From the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, where he was sitting when he spoke further to Peter, James, and the others, the whole of Jerusalem was spread before the eye, and what doubt that he foresaw the city's destruction as well as the temple's? In Luke xxi, where this prediction is again recorded, it is, "When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh." As the power which was to utterly destroy Jerusalem, the Roman army was the abomination which makes desolate, mentioned in Mark.

It is well known that the early Christians looked for the return of the Christ during their own lifetime, and consequently, if not warned, might mistake for the Christ some of the wonder-working magicians of the time, of whom apparently there were many. The fact that two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus, failed to recognize him after his resurrection, shows that there was danger of mistake from lack of clear sight, even among those who were near to him. Undoubtedly, Jesus' warning in this respect had some reference to the earlier days of Christianity. During those opening years of the Christian era, there were also warfare, famine, and divers troubles. These were but, as he declared, the *beginnings* of the sorrows of the Christian age; and surely sorrows have continued and even increased through the age to its end. Think of History's long night, the dark ages—six centuries of gloom and terror! And who shall say that the past few centuries have not had their full share of pain, or that even our own century, rich as it has been in material achievement, has in any measure ameliorated human sorrow?

But the supreme fulfilment of the words of this chapter, that may be looked for now at the end of the

age, is what most concerns us. All that took place successively through the age, is concentrated at the end of the age in what we term the simultaneous order. Moreover, all the occurrences of history are by virtue of the operation of law, which law operating in other domains produces corresponding results there, and the language used to describe the events of history, if truly performing its office, also describes the operation of principles of being in those who are the product of the existence which history records. Those who, in successive embodiments through the Christian age, have passed through the experiences of the age, now at the end of the age, in the final embodiment of the series, while passing through new experiences in their external lives, at the same time repeat all the experiences of the age; but what took place externally during the age, now takes place in another sense. Those who fled to the mountains in the first century of the Christian era, again flee to the mountains now. The objects of the natural world are symbols of the principles of being, and may rightly be used to express those principles. The mountain is the symbol of the good of life, and flight to the mountain is the determination to live a life conformable to the standard of righteousness. The house or temple is the body. The roof-garden of the oriental house, is the symbol of an exalted will, or desire,—the will principle constituting the earth and the intellectual principle the heavens. Those whose wills are exalted through the contemplation of truth, which alone can induce this lifting of the substance of desire above the lower plane, are commanded to allow not the thoughts to descend in lower affections—which is going down into the house, or body—even with the purpose of saving those who are ours by virtue of such ties.

The destructive abomination is that sin which destroys. It corresponds to the Roman army which destroyed Jerusalem. It is standing where it ought not when it is placed in the very center of the human will (which is the holy of holies) and becomes the mainspring of all action. The sin which destroys is that root of all evil, love of money; that is, covetousness—love of self. Never has there been a time in the history of mankind when this sin held more potent sway than it does today. No stronger proof of man's selfishness is needed than his almost universal refusal to listen to the gospel of unselfishness.

It will be noticed that the false Christs, against whom Jesus directed the warning recorded in this chapter, are to show signs and wonders (miracles). Miracle was the sign of Jesus' ministry. It is not the indicator of the way of salvation for this age. Truth in its scientific degree, to be given to the world at this time, reveals the law of wonder-working, thus removing the wonder, for what we understand we no longer wonder at. Jesus said of the miracles which through his knowledge of

natural and spiritual law he was able to perform, "Greater works than these shall ye do; because I go to my Father." These greater things were not performed by his immediate disciples, neither have they been performed by his later professed followers. A greater thing than to restore a person to ordinary physical health—to die in future—is to proclaim the law by which many may overcome death utterly—that they may never die. The greatest thing is to so overcome.

Let no one be deceived by the miracles of these days—the manifestations of Spiritualism, the healings of "Christian Science," the occult powers of Theosophy,—even though these things may be done "In His Name,"

—"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am; and shall deceive many." These works are not evidence of the power of God. The image of the beast has power to perform wonders, to call down fire from heaven in the sight of men, and to deceive men by the miracles which he has power to perform. But the power of God is the law of immortality scientifically applied to life, which alone is the power of obtaining life eternal.

An exhaustive analysis of the chapter cannot be attempted here, nor is such an analysis deemed necessary in order to show that this chapter does not, as some have thought, supply an argument against Koreshanity. On the contrary, it is in beautiful harmony with our teachings.

The Final Unity of the Real and the Ideal in Koreshanity.

BY LUCIE PAGE BORDEN.

THERE exist two representative schools of thought—Idealism and Realism, the one progressive, the other conservative. Plato and Aristotle are often cited as their respective exponents, and every man by the natural tendency of his mental constitution unconsciously ranges himself among the adherents of one or the other philosopher; either he concerns himself mainly with the objects and appearances of the natural world as it presents itself to his observation, and with man as he is, or he prefers to picture to himself as possible of attainment, an ideal world and an ideal humanity,—man not as he is, but as he ought to be. As the one tendency preponderates over the other in any given age, is that age fruitful in material inventions or the discovery of abstract truth.

Since the rise of the Positive school, so termed from its refusal to recognize any basis for knowledge but experience, the chief object of man has been to make himself and, incidentally, a few of his neighbors, comfortable, in a world which so far as history and observation indicate, can never be much better. The very name Idealist has become a reproach and a byword, defining itself to most minds as Louisa Alcott once defined a philosopher—a visionary dreamer trying to soar above the clouds in a balloon while his friends are tugging at the ropes to keep him down to earth, in order that he may provide for his children and keep the family larder well supplied.

Positivism was first elaborated as a system in the beginning of this century by Auguste Comte, and as it excludes all metaphysics and philosophy, all knowledge of the supernatural, of cause and first cause, of mind human and divine, it necessarily lays an interdiction on higher questionings, considers the religion of Jesus Christ a myth, and proposes as a substitute for God a "New Supreme Being" in the shape of humanity at large,—a humanity to whose physical needs it would minister, but for the satisfaction of whose soul hunger it furnishes no nutriment.

But as Carlyle says, "There is in man an infinite which with all his strivings, he cannot quite bury under the finite," and "The shoeblack also has a soul quite other than his stomach;" it follows that with all his comforts, man is still restless, and the sociology of Comte having as its basis a utilitarian altruism fails to satisfy him. The age voluntarily assumes the title of "decadent;" it has lost faith in the ultimate regeneration of society. Art in all its forms of expression is subservient to Realism and with its wings clipped, struggles vainly to soar into the upper air. Naturalism in literature paints pictures of vice and depravity that tend to retard human progress; show man how bad he is and you paralyze his efforts; show him how good he may be and you stimulate him to reach undreamed-of heights. Dickens and Zola may be taken as representative types of the idealist and realist in fiction. Both deal with the darker side of life but produce a totally different effect upon the mind. Perhaps the difference between the two authors resides in the fact that whereas Zola seems to look upon vulgarity and crime as necessary concomitants of human nature, Dickens always treats them as abnormal to humanity; with all his genial kindness for the criminal, the reader feels that he hates sin, and has a conception of an ideal and morally renovated society.

The best fiction like all true art is rooted in life, but eliminate the ideal and its soul is lost. In view of the prevalent Realism, it is not surprising that a recent work on the "Psychology of the Emotions," should term this an age of pessimism in art resulting from "a general state of depression, enervation, and debility" in the individual. It is significant that the true sense of the word *ideal* has been lost, one of our later dictionaries defining it as a conception beyond realization. The term is cognate in origin with idea, both being derived from the Greek verb *idein*, to see. It is a vision of higher possibilities of attainment; in pursuing his ideal man is not chasing a phantom. To the sad and disheartened, the struggling and the hopeless, Koreshanity comes

with its beautiful new hope, its promise that the time draweth near when the real shall become the ideal.

"From harmony,
From heavenly harmony,
This universal frame began."

When the cycle is complete, the beginning and the end will be one; society now disorganized and chaotic, will become an orderly unity where every man will find and fill the place to which his talents and his taste invite him. The voices of young children crying for bread will be heard no more in our streets; the gaunt spectres of poverty and crime will no longer stalk boldly on our highways, nor lust and disease skulk through our alleys. Nature will not withhold her secrets from the wise nor science baffle him. Beauty and ease and culture will belong, not to the few, but to the many. The knowledge of God will cover the earth, and no Renan will arise to proclaim that if God indeed exist, cognition of him must be forever impossible. This is the

ideal which the Koreshan System is presenting to the world as capable of immediate attainment, but unlike other systems which come and go, holding out dazzling but elusive hopes, it rests its promises upon a proven scientific premise. The record of experience supports the statement that social reform not predicated upon a *decided change in the hearts of men*, is purely visionary. The fulfilment of our noblest hopes, the vision of holiness, the reign of love universal, will never come through the natural evolution of society.

Not Plato but Jesus Christ was the great Idealist. He taught that men should be saved through grace not through evolution. By the grace of the indwelling spirit, he baptized his disciples with divine love, he changed their hearts. We are looking forward to such a baptism as the primary and energizing factor in all social changes. Then will all classes of men unite in unity of spirit and the bond of peace, to realize ideal conditions in earth.

Prescient Poems of Modern Times.

BY AMANDA POTTER.

JUST before the storm looms of war wove the pall which in some degree settled upon every heart in the land, "Over the Western Sea" from the mother country, came words of divination and denunciation from one who deprecated their speaking because of the "foul things done within her gates."

"Because yourselves are standing straight
In the state
Of Freedom's foremost acolyte,
Yet keep calm footing all the time
On writhing bond-slaves,—for this crime—
This is the curse. Write."

Thus spake the advocate of a people who reaped protection from the greed which enslaved them. Gain decreed that they be well sheltered, well clothed, and well fed—boons denied the white wage slave!

The woe of the curse of black slavery blossomed both North and South, in hundreds of thousands of bereft homes, and is seeding in that tremendous impulse to money getting engendered by that very war; and to proclaim the end the muse, which drooped its wings

over a fallen Browning, plumes them broad above a risen Stetson.

The foreshadowing in "A Curse for a Nation," that wonderful poem of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, was pale in compare to the dread carnage that followed; and so may the words of the Christ, as he yearned over Jerusalem, be considered vague in the light of the beleaguered city within whose walls delirious starvation sated itself in cannibalism. God descends not always to such diffusion as paints the particular woe of each iniquity, and "We will not play" speaks as much more than an un-served plutocracy, as may be read in the words: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

In the coming time, "A Curse for a Nation" and the poem printed below, will be read more understandingly than they were penned:

THE LOST GAME. By Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

Came the big children to the little ones,
And unto them full pleasantly did say,
"Lo! we have spread for you a merry game,
And ye shall all be winners at the same—
Come now and play!"

Great is the game they enter in—
Rouge et Noir on a giant scale—
Red with blood and black with sin,
Where many must lose and few may win,
And the players never fail!

Said the strong children to the weaker ones,
"See, ye are many, and we are but few!
The mass of all the counters ye divide,
But few remain to share upon our side—
Play—as we do!"

Strange is the game they enter in—
Rouge et Noir on a field of pain!
And the silver white and the yellow gold
Pile and pile in the victors' hold,
While the many play in vain!

Said the weak children, to the stronger ones,
"See now, how'er it fall we lose our share!
And play we well or ill we always lose—
While ye gain always, more than ye can use—
Bethink ye—is it fair?"

Strange is the game they enter in—
Rouge et Noir, and the bank is strong!
Play they well or play they wide
The gold is still on the banker's side,
And the game endureth long.

The Flaming Sword.

Said the strong children each aside to each,
 "The game is slow—our gains are all too small!
 Play we together now 'gainst them apart—
 So shall these dull ones lose it from the start,
 And we shall gain it all!"

Strange is the game that now they win—
 Rouge et Noir with a new design!
 What can the many players do
 Whose wits are weak and counters few,
 When the Power and the Gold combine?

Said the weak children to the stronger ones,
 "We care not for the game!
 For play as we may our chance is small.
 And play as we may ye have it all—
 The end's the same!"

Strange is the game the world doth play—
 Rouge et Noir, with the counters gold!
 Red with blood and black with sin;
 Few and fewer are they that win
 As the ages pass untold.

Said the strong children to the weaker ones,
 "Ye lose in laziness! ye lose in sleep!
 Play faster now and make the counters spin!
 Play well, as we, and ye in time shall win!
 Play fast! Play deep!"

Strange is the game of Rouge et Noir—
 Never a point have the little ones won—
 The winners are strong and flushed with gain
 The losers are weak with want and pain,—
 And still the game goes on.

But those rich players grew so very few,
 So many grew the poor ones, that one day
 They rose up from that table, side by side,
 Calm, countless, terrible—they rose and cried
 In one great voice that shook the heavens wide,
 "We will not play!"

Where is the game of Rouge et Noir?
 Where is the wealth of yesterday?
 What availeth the power ye tell,
 And the skill in the game ye play so well,
 If the players will not play?

Evils of the Modern Court System.

BY PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, PH. D.

I have said, and say again, that for the last time I have appealed to the courts for justice, and shall appeal to them no more.—*E. V. Debs.*

WHEN a reputable citizen after repeated, long-continued and strenuous efforts to obtain justice for himself and others,—a man who comes into court with clean hands and encounters corrupt men both in the court and out of it, whose hands are full of bribes, who has encountered combinations whose very existence is in defiance of law, as in the case of the Board of Railway managers in the Pullman strike,—deliberately comes to the conclusion above announced, it is time for serious reflection. Such announcement reads very much like the death sentence of the courts. We can not be far from the point indicated by one of Chicago's great lawyers, when he said he sometimes thought that the courts ought to be abolished. If there is any class of persons that cannot obtain justice, whether for want of money, or influence, or for any cause whatsoever, then there is no class of citizens that can certainly obtain it, and courts become a menace to liberty and the rights of the citizen, and ought to be abolished.

It has long been the boast of our country, that all men were equal before the law,—a boast no longer true when the poor man (or any man) encounters a conscienceless corporation that has money enough to enlist in its service the shrewdest legal talent in the country.



EVERY phase of the genuine social system will have its specific counterfeit, and the perfection of this will be so complete that nothing short of the divine wisdom will be able to detect it.

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Ours is not the Hermetic philosophy, which when found is like the ignis-fatuus—not there. Find truth and embrace it, and it is yours.

Laws made by lawyers for the benefit not of the people, but of lawyers, afford abundant opportunities for evading justice, even were judges and juries always intelligent and corruption proof—which they are very far from being. It must be plain to the dullest mind that any remedy for such a state of injustice must go to the bottom of things, and fundamentally change the wrong conditions out of which the injustice naturally springs. It must take away from the one man, or combination of men, the incentive to wrong another. Such incentive is now operative in those amassing great wealth by unjust means, and since men are not always hardhearted and selfish enough to accomplish the injustice, soulless, artificial men who never grow old and die, have been invented, that have no conscience to interfere with their practicing the utmost of extortion and robbery. Mammon, by means of these, now rules the world, but his power will soon and certainly be broken. Here is the starting point of the return to a reign of righteousness. As this reign of injustice is buttressed by and entrenched in the present church and state, both must fall and pass away, and there must come "new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness"—a new church and a new state, of which the true God, who is the Lord Jesus Christ at his coming, is the "blessed and only Potentate" and Sovereign. Such is the promise of Scripture and the assured hope of the Koreshan.

Governments and churches contain within themselves the forces of their own disintegration, and they will crumble to decay through the inherent injustice actuating both.

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It is not so difficult to theorize upon the question of a remedy for the moral and social evils of the age, as it is to apply the remedy.

In the Editorial Perspective.

IT IS amusing to see how the editor of the *Annular World* evades the conditions of his offer of \$1,000 for the refutation of his annular theory. It is quite a condescension on his part to acknowledge that he does not understand what we intend to do, or what we expect him to do regarding his challenge and offer. Our readers easily grasp it,—and all are not editors nor founders of hypotheses! The status of the matter is merely this: If the earth is concave and the Cellular Cosmogony true, it follows that the ring theory of world formation is necessarily false. We concluded that the shortest route to the point was to prove the annular system to be fallacious. We proved by geodetic survey that the Koreschan Astronomy is true, and offered to prove it again in the presence of Prof. Vail, in order to show him that his annular theory is false, and that he owes us the \$1,000. He does not seem to have mental acumen sufficient to see the point. What is the matter with him?

Labor-saving machinery under the control of the money power is a curse; applied for the benefit of the wealth producers, the inventions of the world would be a blessing. What difference does it make to the shoemaker whether it requires ten hours or one hour to make a pair of shoes, so long as he does not get the benefit of the time saved? It makes all the difference in the world to him now, for by the use of machinery thousands of shoemakers are thrown out of employment. It is estimated that it would require 21,000,000 men to do the work of the labor-saving machinery in the United States, that is now done by 4,000,000 persons. The working man produces wealth he does not enjoy—he receives less than ten per cent of all he actually produces. The remainder goes to the capitalist who does not earn one cent of it!

The *Earth (not a globe) Review*, of London, is always ready to say hard things about astronomers and publications that are silent concerning Zeteticism, after challenges have been issued by its advocates. In the May, 1897, *SWORD*, we challenged the editor of the *Earth Review* to overthrow the facts of the Koreschan geodetic survey on the Florida west coast in demonstration of the earth's concavity; and since that time he has said nothing concerning the Koreschan Cosmogony. What is the trouble? The advocates of Zeteticism have now as much reason to say nothing as have the astronomers of the popular school, and the reason is that they cannot answer! What are the Zetetics going to do about it?

The daily press is responsible for much of the sensation which attaches itself to modern so called scientific discoveries. A number of observations have been made of stars and Mars, by Dr. See, at the Lowell observatory in Arizona. Dr. See visits Boston, and the newspapers announce remarkable discoveries at the Lowell observatory, "of worlds born from cosmos ready for life," discovered "processes of world formation in space," etc. Dr. See has made no such discoveries; he has only evolved an hypothesis concerning stellar and nebular phenomena, and puts forth the same on the basis of mere assumption. Modern astronomers can assume anything; they can prove nothing.

The world is full of curious gods. There are gods of every description—about as many as there are virginals. A late one is the invention of Prof. Felix Adler, president of the Society for Ethical Culture, New York. He is reported as having in view the substitution for the Christian religion, a religion having the state for its deity. He desires to destroy the idea of a personal God, but if the government were our impersonal god, it follows

that the head of the government would be the personal deity! We think that the originator of the new idea is added, and would like to be the world's Ad(d)ler!

Notwithstanding the fact that there are millions of America's poor, hundreds of thousands of men out of employment, tenement houses of the great cities full of the ragged and the filthy, thousands of tramps begging for food, burglars, hold-ups, confidence men, and money sharks everywhere, and the cry for relief from oppression, the administration calls upon its people to be thankful! The thanksgiving proclamations are the veriest twaddle to blind the eyes of the credulous suffering.

Years ago KORESH announced the fact in *THE FLAMING SWORD* that gold could be manufactured, and suggested a process. The daily press of the country ridiculed the idea as being the wildest speculation. Today, page after page is being published concerning the actual work of making gold. Who was right, who was scientific—the Koreschan Alchemist, or the modern chemists who denied atomic transformation?

J. Pierpont Morgan now controls nearly all of the great American trunk lines, comprising about 50,000 miles of railroad. Even success in competition must be wrought through a center—a magnate. The greatest success is the result of system. The Golden Age will be the result of the greatest monopoly of power the world has ever seen.

The panacea for all human ills and social evils will not be found in arbitrary plans of social reform, but in the actual impartation of the potencies of life and incorruption. The reformation of the world is its recreation. The momentum of genuine reform is a substantial energy, and must proceed from the divine center.

Contemporaneously with the establishment of the new government of the twentieth century, the invigoration of man must obtain. Humanity is impoverished mentally, morally, and physically. When humanity is restored to perfection, the social conditions for which the world has hoped for ages, will follow as a sequence.

Thought is the progenitor of all things. The universe is the outermost clothing of the divine mind, and therefore the expression of the perfect man. Qualities of mental force ultimate in planetary motion. Man is not governed by planetary vibration, but rather, the universe is governed by mental vibration.

The American college institutions are morally on the descending scale. Participants in football are getting beneath the pugilists. Recently, one thousand students were in a state of intoxication in New Haven during a game.

There is as much difference between modern astrology and the Koreschan Astro-anthroposophy as there is between modern astronomy and the Cellular Cosmogony. Astrology is founded upon the fallacies of the modern astronomical system.

Modern charity is a humbug. It is not philanthropy to steal the products of the poor to endow colleges, asylums, and homes. The true philanthropist will destroy the conditions which necessitate the existence of charitable institutions.

The policy of American protection is the policy of selfishness. There is no such thing at the present time as the protection of American labor; there is a good deal of protection for the millionaire.

The Flaming Sword.

The "infallible" Catholic church now accepts as true the system of astronomy that subjected its originator to severe persecution at the hands of the Catholic priesthood, three hundred and fifty years ago.

The Kingdom of God will be established in the earth for the administration of life and justice. There can be no true social reformation until the beginning of its establishment.

All profits in the exchange of the products of labor are paid by the consumer. The profits are kept from the producer and appropriated by those who do not earn them.

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Modern Science the Agnostic's Refuge.

The Bible tells us that everything was made for man's benefit, and that the sun, moon, and stars were made for the benefit of the earth. How foolish; how ridiculous! Just think, the earth is a mere grain of sand compared with the sun and stars, some of which are several million times larger. We give the size of a few:

	Diameter.	Circumference.
Earth,	8,025 mi.	25,000 mi.
Sun,	866,000 mi.	2,666,000 mi.
Algol,	1,116,000 mi.	3,427,000 mi.
Arcturus,	71,000,000 mi.	224,000,000 mi.

If it were possible for us to travel in one direction at the rate of a billion miles per second and travel a billion years, we undoubtedly would see as many stars in front of us as we would behind us;—in other words, there is no end to space and the starry heavens. Some of the stars are 400 times hotter than our sun, and it is hot enough. If it were possible to force an icicle .45 miles in diameter and 200 miles long into it, it would melt it in a second. Astronomers and scientists teach these facts. When you hear clergymen tell the foolish little story of creation, as recorded by the ignorant saints, 6,000 years ago, just show them

these figures and ask them to teach ignorance and superstition no more, but to teach something that will benefit mankind, if they are capable; if not, they had better feed swine.—*FreeThought Ideal*.

The above is a sample of ideal freethought and credulity, and is characteristic of modern "skepticism." The wonder is not that the world is skeptical of the puerile interpretations of the Bible by the clergy, but that after having sense enough to discard a belief in the impossibilities attached to the Bible by the modern church, that the skeptic should be so credulous about the palpable absurdity of the modern scientific theories. We reject all the fallacious conceptions of modern Christianity as unscientific and unreasonable—we reject the teachings of popular science for the same reason. The Bible does not teach the "foolish little story of creation" referred to in the above, neither does true science teach the absurd propositions of the modern astronomer. The Bible is scientifically true, and must be interpreted from the scientific standpoint. The groundwork of that science is the fact that the universe is a great cell, and is eternal. The fundamental principles of the Cellular Cosmogony are found in the science of Alchemy; the proofs of the latter are seen in every change and transformation of matter and energy, from the maintenance of the physical sun to the generation of human thought. The demonstrations of the earth's cellular form; that the earth is a hollow globe, with life on the inside, are found in all phenomena of the physical world, by scientific observations, research, experiments, and tests everywhere, and by accurate geodetic survey. The *FreeThought Ideal*'s scientific spurts are somewhat amusing—no more so, however, than those of the world's recognized astronomers. Both are badly mistaken and unable to prove their cause, and equally incapable of refuting the Koreshan System of science.

Correspondence and Brief Replies.

Enclosed please find 25 cents in stamps for *THE FLAMING SWORD*, which you will be kind enough to stop. The many lies contained in your article on Christian Science in the Nov. 26 issue, show conclusively that you don't know what you are talking about, and are unfit to head a religious movement such as you pretend yours to be. If *THE FLAMING SWORD* did as much good in the world as Christian Science has done and is doing, it would have a better excuse for being.—A. W. A., Haverhill, Mass.

We note the request contained in the above, to discontinue the publication of *THE FLAMING SWORD*, but after due consideration, we conclude to go ahead with the work of issuing this publication regularly—at least for the benefit of the thousands who welcome it. We cannot afford to stop publishing the *SWORD* simply because one subscriber does not like it! Of course, you do not attempt to refute the arguments used in the article by KORESH on "Christian Science," to which you refer. It is easy enough to say that it contains "lies," but quite difficult to prove it! It is quite characteristic of the "Christian Scientist" to say, "You don't know what you are talking about," or "You don't know anything about Chris-

tian Science." That is a sorry refuge behind which any mind can as readily find defense. Koreshan Science is all-inclusive—it is a system of universology. If so called Christian Science were true, it would be but a fragment of the whole.

It occurs to me to ask you a question, which can be answered in a few lines in the *SWORD*; I have not read much of the Koreshan literature. Has there been given out any theory as to what is on the outside of the hollow shell of the earth?—J. L. J.

We take the irrefutable ground that everything in existence has form, and that limitation is a property of form. The universe exists, and is limited. There is but one universe, for otherwise this could not be a *universe*. The shell of the earth has a thickness of about 100 miles, and is composed of metallic, mineral, and geologic strata. The metal having the greatest specific gravity is outermost, the farthest from the sun, the next lighter substance, the next above, etc. The outermost shell is the limit of existence; it environs all; beyond it there is nothing—absolutely nothing. The two limits of universal space are center and circumference. Beyond the exterior limit of space there is no

space, no life, no light, darkness, heat, cold, phenomena, nor substance. We commend to your further study of the Koreshan literature, with the demonstrations and proofs, not only of the Cellular Cosmogony, but of the Koreshan Theology, Sociology, Economics, and other departments of its science.

O. W. T., Capac, Mich.—While we are thankful for your kind words and for your interest in the Koreshan System, we cannot use the matter you send us, for the reason that it is not correct. In order to reach conclusions that are true, one must take for a premise a demonstrated fact; otherwise the conclusions will be fallacious. We recommend to you a careful study of the Koreshan Theology, which is founded upon the physiology of the human system and the form and function of the physical universe. The spiritual world is in humanity, not out in space nor in the atmosphere near the earth's crust. There are no mental pictures made in space nor in ether, neither are there any "disembodied spirits" floating about outside of humanity.

They Like the New Sword.

I want to thank you for having made the **FLAMING SWORD** a weekly. During the interval between the issue of the monthly and the weekly I must confess I was very impatient for my **FLAMING SWORD**, and my wife laughed at me often when on coming home in the evening I would inquire the first thing if the **FLAMING SWORD** had come. But at last it came, and what a beauty it is! I want to compliment you on its appearance. Typographically, it is clean and wholesome, and almost perfect.—F. E. W., Salem, O.

I would send for a few extra copies, but I have distributed the monthly **SWORDS** among the people of the village, and they are so "religious" that they do not read them, for their preachers tell them that it is wicked to do so. I want **THE FLAMING SWORD**, monthly, weekly, or daily.—T. E. H., Americus, Ga.

I am well pleased with the **FLAMING SWORD**. I like each copy better, and so far as I am able to understand its teachings, they are in perfect harmony with the Bible. I enjoy its pages thoroughly, and think it a first-class Christian journal of the highest standard.—Wm. A., Turbotville, Pa.

I am very much pleased with the **SWORD** as a weekly, and feel that all will appreciate the weekly visits from the masterful pen of our Leader and others. With best wishes to the **SWORD** and the cause it represents, I remain a devoted admirer.—Mrs. B., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Of course we are interested in **Koreshianity**, and are much pleased with the new dress in which the **SWORD** appears.—O. W. T., Capae, Mich.

First number of the weekly **FLAMING SWORD** received; contents, paper, and design are first-class.—E. B., Salt Lake City, Utah.

I like the new **SWORD** very much indeed; I think it is quite an improvement.—Mrs. M. G. M., Louisville, Ky.

Editor's Chat With Our Readers.

We desire every reader interested in **THE FLAMING SWORD** to get into correspondence with us about the work of increasing its circulation. What can you do? A good deal; we have some plans for you. No one is too poor to help us—we have work for you all. There are hundreds of readers willing to assist us in this great work, but they do not know how to get at it, and we do not know *who* they are. Now is the time, right in the beginning of a new impetus, to manifest your interest. We expect to hear from *every* reader. You do not need capital, nor much time. Write us today, offering to do what you can in accordance with the plans we have for the various classes, suited to the different circumstances in which our readers are placed. We want to come into closer touch with our sympathizers; be friendly, neighborly, helpful, and appreciative. We publish a beautiful, up-to-date journal,

decidedly in advance of all others, and you can feel proud in handing copies to your friends. Sit right down and write us.

Real, natural, scientific prayer, devoid of superstition, is demanded by the necessities of the times. Blind request directed to an unknown and far-off god is getting out of date. We have for the next issue a studied and carefully written article on the subject of scientific aspiration, by VICTORIA GRATIA, Pre-Eminent of the Koreshian Unity. It is worthy of the most careful study. It deals with mental attraction, the source of strength of encouragement, and the science of the fulfillment of all righteous desire of the age.

We have ready for the **SWORD** of December 17, an excellent article on the money question by Prof. L'Amoreaux, Ph. D., author of "National Suicide and Its Prevention," who was for thirty-one years Professor of languages in Wheaton (Ill.) College. The article shows up the intrigue of the bankers and the conspiracy of the capitalists, and contains some irrefutable arguments against the financial policy of the gold standard parties.

A masterful expose of some hypotheses of modern astronomy and chemistry is involved in the article by KORESH, "Higher Criticism and Its Foundation a Farce," showing palpable contradictions in the theories of Astronomer Young. Modern skepticism proves itself more credulous in the acceptance of the modern astronomical nonsense, than is charged against the common believer in the modern church's interpretation of the Bible.

The mystery of the kingdom of heaven during the Christian dispensation is revealed through both parable and science. What kingdom was instituted by Jesus nineteen hundred years ago, and where has he been reigning during the past dispensation? For a complete unveiling of the mystery surrounding this question, study the reply by Koresh to Eld. Brown's challenges in the issue of December 17th.

New readers, we want to become acquainted with you. You desire to know more about the Koreshian Science, and we desire to impart a knowledge of it to you. A little friendly correspondence will help you,—we have something of profit to you. Do not be afraid to ask questions—we are always glad to answer.

Do you know where the root of the evils of the modern court system is located? Many people realize that there is something wrong, but do not know just where the difficulty lies. Prof. L'Amoreaux deftly uncovers the power behind the throne in this issue of the **SWORD**.

Students of prophecy will profit by the article on the subject of prophetic fulfillments by Rev. E. M. Castle. Do not fail

to read it, for there are points concerning interpretation of prophecy that you may have overlooked.

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Wednesday, Dec. 1.—The French cabinet may resign.—Cripple Creek, Col., turned out \$1,250,000 in gold during November.—Brickmakers in Cook county, Ill., combine to limit the product of the kiln.—Bloodhounds employed in St. Louis to track escaped prisoners.—Booth-Tucker makes known his gigantic colonization scheme.—The Liberals win in Canada.—Jingoes endeavoring to create war in Haiti.—German emperor advises a large navy and some military reforms.—25,000 men in Rhode Island receive 5 per cent advance in wages.—Big exports in wheat.

Thursday.—Troops attack workmen in Bohemia.—Attempted assassination of President Cuestas, of Uruguay.—Anglo-Egyptian forces make substantial advances against the Dervishes near Khartoum.—Rev. Wm. Bates tried in Toronto for shop lifting.—Great Cuban victory reported; Gomez and Pando confident of Cuban independence.—Langley's airship successful at Mt. Holly, N. J.—Prof. Atkinson framed by Chicago medical authorities from practicing osteopathy.—Mrs. McKinley stricken with paralysis at Canton.—Earthquake in Kansas.—Maxim's airship stands tests in Pittsburgh.—Sultan ordered to pay indemnity for plundering American missions.

Friday.—Hayti on the brink of revolt.—Clara Barton sick at Washington.—Chicago gold maker produces \$7,000 worth of gold.—Earthquake shocks felt in Illinois and Wisconsin.—Mexican Protestants revise the Bible.—England wants to control Panama.—Labor difficulties reported in Japan.—Russia and Japan prepare for war.—Comptroller Eckles will resign.—Troops kill more workmen in Austria.—Ship burns on Lake Huron.

Saturday.—Evangelist Davenport warns Chicago of the wrath to come.—Coalhaulers at LaSalle, Ill., cut down 10 cents per ton.—Court martial ordered to investigate Dreyfus case at Paris.—Dervish leaders willing to evacuate the Nile valley. Russell Sage plans to give \$50,000,000 to Charity.—Gen. Blanco reports that Cuban starvation stories are exaggerated.—Eight robberies

reported in Chicago today.—New form U. S. postals announced.

Sunday.—Chicago University receives 3600 pieces of Egyptian papyrus containing hieroglyphics written 3,000 years ago.—Dingley bill denounced by English editors.—English strikers reported destitute.—Austrian political troubles increase.—Pope of Rome is sick.—Chicago Bohemians excited over affairs in their native country.—Riots continue at Prague.

Monday.—Congress in session.—President's message is skillfully evasive on the Cuban question.—Hawaii may be annexed.—Crusade commenced on Wall street gamblers.—Quakers assailed in Connecticut.—New York stocks active and higher.—Insurrection imminent in Hayti.—Nicaraguan Canal Commission sails from Brooklyn navy yard direct for Greytown.—W. J. Bryan invited to visit President Diaz, of Mexico.

Tuesday.—Bill proposed in Congress to expose pension impostors.—Storms raging on the Pacific.—Soldiers being sent from Germany to China to claim territory.—3,500 farmers convene at North Judson, Ind., to discuss industrial questions.—Gold find at Dog Creek, Alaska.—Hanniss Taylor, ex-Minister to Spain, criticises the President's message.—Commissioner Campbell finds deception in insurance business.—Gold trust being formed in New Jersey to control and limit gold output.—Secretary Gage finds over \$18,000,000 shortage in U. S. treasury.—Spain pleased with the McKinley message.

Books and Periodicals Received.

The Cigarette and the Youth, by A. E. King, President of the Central Anti-Cigarette League. 32 pages, 60th thousand. Wood-Allen Pub. Co. Ann Arbor Mich.

This pamphlet contains some startling information regarding the manufacture and use of the cigarette. During the year 1896 over 4,000,000,000 cigarettes were manufactured in the United States. These are consumed by hundreds of thousands of foolish persons who have wills weak enough to enter to every appetite and passion they possess. Did you know that there were so many "suckers" in the world? It is enough for a decent person to know of the material of which the cigarette is made, but where this does not suffice, the effect upon the human system should be known. The little pamphlet gives a description of how cigarettes are made, where the material is obtained—from cuspidors, streets, and gutters; and gives instances of youths rendered insane and idiotic by their use, and cases where other diseases resulted. We protest against the use of narcotics in any form, and especially against the use of the cigar and cigarette in public places. This pamphlet receives the endorsement of all respectable people.

Charter of the American Pacific R. R. Co., by R. B. Hunter, C. E., Ottawa, Kansas. Sent by Peter Swenson, Caddo, Tex.

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The Evolutionist, semi-monthly, spiritualism, 75 cents a year, 12 pages. The Evolutionist Pub. Co., 1099 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Washingtonian, illustrated reform monthly, 72 pages, 25 cents a year. The Washingtonian Pub. Co., Washington, D. C.

The Christian Life, social purity, J. B. Caldwell, editor. National Purity Association, 79 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill. Kosmos, idealism, psychology and educational reform, monthly, 72 pages, \$1.00 per year. Vineland, N. J.

The Voice of Truth, Seventh-day Adventism, monthly, 50 cents a year. San Diego, Cal.

The New Dispensation, monthly, ethics, idealism, and social reform, Corvallis, Ore.

The Home Guide, prohibition, weekly, 75 cents per year, Camden, N. J.

Labor Leader, social reform and labor unionism, Lancaster, Pa.

Coming Events, labor exchange and social reform, Evansville, Ind.

The Caster, monthly leaflet by Geo. P. Pierce, Deshler, O.

The Spirit of Truth, monthly, spiritualism, Hot Springs, Ark.

The New South, weekly, news and reform, New Orleans, La.

The Sledge-Hammer, socialism and reform, Mendville, Pa.

The Ernte-Sichel, German, restitutionism, Allegheny, Pa.

Wisconsin Citizen, equal suffrage, Broadhead, Wis.

Self-Reliance, social reform, Cincinnati, O.

The Texas Freemason, San Antonio, Tex.; Dakota Ruralist, Altruria, S. Dak.; The Individual, Pueblo, Colo.; The National Claimant, Washington, D. C.; The Jeffersonian, Faribault, Minn.; The Swaburg Citizen, Swaburg, Neb.; The Clover Leaf, Alameda, Cal.; The Issue, Chester, Pa.; Benton Harbor Times, Benton Harbor, Mich.; The Florida philosopher, Crescent City, Fla.; Citronelle Call, Citronelle, Ala.; Tacoma Sun, Tacoma, Wash.; The Red Cross Knight, Washington, D. C.; The People's Press, Albany, Ore.

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THE FLAMING SWORD, published at Chicago, has been changed from a monthly to a weekly. It has now been in existence

eight years and each issue is chock full of new thoughts.—White Co. National, Monticello, Ind.

THE FLAMING SWORD (Chicago, Ill.), the organ of the Koresan faith, has an illustrated whole page heading. Religiously inclined people should send for sample copy.—Needham (Ind.) Hustler.

We received a copy of THE FLAMING SWORD. It is a large 16-page weekly devoted to the promulgation of the Social Theory and the Equitable Commerce.—Self-Reliance.

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The leading features of the Christmas HARPER's are, "The Woeful of Malkatoom," a narrative poem by General Lewis Wallace, illustrated by F. V. Du Mond; "The Queen's Jubilee," by Richard Harding Davis, illustrated by R. Caton Woodville; "Destiny at Drybone," a story by Owen Wister, illustrated by Frederic Remington; "An Act of Charity," by Charles Dudley Warner; "George William Curtis at Concord," by George Willis Cooke, illustrated; "A Bird's Egg," by Ernest Ingersoll, illustrated by fac-similes in color of the eggs of the most familiar American birds; and "Puppets, Ancient and Modern," by F. J. Ziegler, illustrated.

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